--1. (Amended) A material to be molded [consisting of] comprising a porous material in which a phenolic resin which is a condensating polymer of a phenolic compound and an aldehyde and/or aldehyde donor wherein said phenolic resin is at least partially [or wholly surlphomethylated] sulfomethylated and/or sulfimethylated and said phenolic resin is at B-stage.--

--3. (Amended) A material to be molded in accordance with claim 1, wherein said phenolic resin [is produced by] comprises a condensation of a phenolic compound and an aldehyde and/or aldehyde donor [by] produced using ammonia and/or amine.--

--5. (Amended) A material to be molded in accordance with claim 1 [or 3 wherein said material to be molded is in the shape of] shaped as a sheet.--

--6. (Amended) A molded material [consisting of] comprising a base sheet and a cured material [of] in accordance with claim 5 laminated [partially or wholly] on said base sheet as a surface layer wherein phenolic resin impregnated in said material [of claim 5] is cured.--

--7. (Amended) An interior material [consisting of] comprising a base [which is] formed of a material in accordance with claim 1 [or 3] wherein phenolic resin [impregnated in] impregnating said material is cured, and a surface layer laminated on [the surface of] said base.--

--8. (Amended) An interior material in accordance with claim 7, wherein said base sheet and said surface layer are bonded together by an adhesive [dotted in the lamination interface].--

--9. (Amended) A [manufacturing] method of manufacturing a material to be molded comprising the steps of

preparing a precondensation polymer of a phenolic compound and an aldehyde and/or aldehyde donor which is at least partially [or wholly] sulfomethylated and/or sulfimethylated by adding a sulfomethylation reagent and/or a sulfimethylation reagent at any stage,

impregnating said precondensation polymer solution into a porous material, and

curing and drying said porous material to [condensate] condense slightly said precondensation polymer to make it at B-stage.--

--10. (Amended) A method in accordance with claim 9, [wherein] comprising the steps of

chemically and/or mechanically foaming said precondensation polymer solution [is foamed chemically and/or mechanically and],

contacting said porous material [is contacted] with said foamed precondensation polymer solution, and then

pressing said porous material [is pressed] to impregnate said foamed precondensation polymer solution into said porous material.--

--12. (Amended) A method in accordance with claim 9 [or 10], [wherein] comprising the steps of producing said precondensation